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Witty Intrigues, Comical Passages, and Remarkable Transactions in *Town* and *Country*: With Reflections on the *Vices* and *Vanities* of the *Times*.

From Wednesday the 20th of January, to Candlemas-day, 1698.

January 26. *From my Lodgings in* Kent-street.

HAving in my last acquainted you with the Difficulties I strugl'd under, being a Stranger, and as unskill'd in the *Language* of the Nation as a *Horse-Doctor* in *Phlebotomy*; So now I must inform you, that the many attempts, of some Persons desperately Wicked, to take away my Life, for fear I should expose their *Vices*, has oblig'd me, under the Disguize of a *Mendicant*, to take up my Lodging here amongst the *Mumpers*, where no other Musick fills my Ears, than the harsh, unpleasant Complaints of the Decay of Trade; insomuch that the very *Blind Men* swear by this *Light*, they never *Saw* the like since their Mothers bound their Heads. And the most substantial amongst them are utterly discouraged to allow their Bantlings the liberal Education of *Begging*, *Prigging* and *Nipping*. However they have some hopes of a seasonable supply from a friend of theirs in the next Lane, who understands *Minerals* better than *Letters*, and is already come as near the *Philosophers-Stone*, as ever Fryer *Bacon* was to Walling *England* about with Brass.

From our Office, Jan. 27. By certain Intelligence, we have full assurance of a strict Union, *durante Vita*, betwixt *Honour* and *Honesty*; and that (which is as wonderful as a *Black Swan*) purely for *Virtues* sake; A *Transaction* worthy to be *Inroll'd* in *Gold*; and consequently our Remark. A Youthful Widow (Relict of a noted *Coffee-Man* within the liberties of fair *Augusta*) to whom *Nature* has been very lavish in her *Favours*, endowing her as well with excellent *Gifts* of *Mind*, as *Rare Features* of *Body*, was greatly Solliciting by a Young Nobleman; but well knowing the disproportion of their Fortunes; and sensibly perceiving his *Drift*, notwithstanding all his *Golden Promises* and *Great Offers*, with a *Lowliness* of *Speech*, and a *Meekness* of *Carriage*, able to melt an *Adamantine Heart*, she thus accosted him, in the very midst of his Career, *My Lord, with all due Respect to your Worth and Dignity, I am very sensible of the Inequality of our Stations; and, as* Fortune *has render'd me uncapable of being a suitable* Match *for you*; *so* Grace *has elevated me far above violating my* Chastity, *were it for* Crowns *and* Scepters, *therefore I must desire you to desist your Importuning.* After such-like expressions as these, he, for the present, departed much Dissatisfy'd and Affronted; but, after a few days Pause and Consideration, return'd, and Crown'd her *Virtue* with an *Honourable Marriage*; Rewarded her *Chastity* with the Revenues of a *Wealthy Lordship*. May *Virtue* never meet with worse Encouragement, is the Prayer of Old *Lucian*.

New Sodom, Jan. 30th. This day a *Youthful Spark*, Prentice to an Eminent *Goldsmith*, having put on a *Modish New Suit* of *Cloaths*, after strutting about all day, would needs wind up his Adventures with the Enjoyment of a *Dalilah* at Night; accordingly he repairs to their place of general Rendezvous aforesaid; where immediately he was courteously received and Conducted by a Kind *Nymph* of Love into a Neighbouring Tent of pleasure, where after a hearting Cup, he revell'd in all the delights of Nature to the intire Gratification of his Lustful Appetite. His Game over, the cunning *Jilt* had still her Cards to play, for seeing no possibility of any other gratuity than a single *Silver Piece value* 12 pence, the rest being Sacrific'd to *Bacchus*, she was resolutely bent to make an Entire Purchase of his gawdy Plumes; and accordingly briskly call'd for a fresh Bottle of the Best, *in drinking which*, quoth she, *as a reward for your excellent Performances, I will contrive some* diverting Entertainment *or other*. Now being a curious *Tongue-Pad*, he was wonderfully charm'd with her Eloquence, which she took the Advantage of, *telling him if he would unrigg, and lend her his Cloaths, for half an Hour, she would bring in such a Jolly crew of active Dames, as should perform such lecherous Agilities, as would far outvie what ever has been related or done by Madam* Creswel, posture Moll, *Countess* of Alsatia, *or any* German *Tumbler*, *or* Italian *Rope dancer whatever*. Upon which he forthwith uncas'd, gave her his Bravery, and don'd her Female Raggs; nay, so confident was he of his Mrs, that Rings, Cane, Peruke and every thing else, were at her Devotion. Thus Equipp'd down stairs she went, taking a silent farewel of him. The space of an Hour with great Patience and longing Expectation, he waited, and then Knock'd, enquiring of the Domestick Maid, who immediatly came up, for such